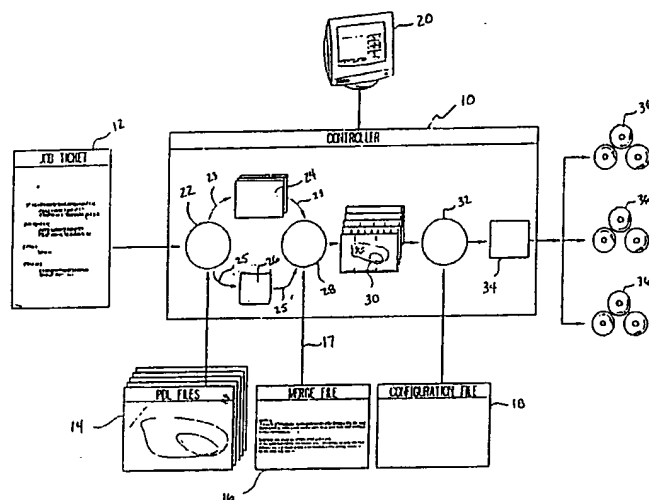




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**(57) Abstract**

A method of associating a particular path defined in a page description language specification with a plurality of special attributes. The method comprises the steps of monitoring a first text string defined by a first page description language text command in the specification for a first special character or a first special string of characters, the first special character or the first special string of characters being indicative of a first special attribute; monitoring a second text string defined by a second page description language text command in the specification for a second special character or a second special string of characters, the second special character or the second special string of characters being indicative of a second special attribute; responsive to a detection of the first special character or the first string of characters in the first text string, identifying a path defined by a page description language path command and having a predetermined relationship with the first text command in the specification as the particular path associated with the first special attribute; and responsive to a detection of the second special character or the second special string of characters in the second text string, identifying the path defined by the page description language path command and having a predetermined relationship with the second text command in the specification as the particular path associated with the second special attribute.

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